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Applicant: Joseph Phillip Bigus et al. Art Unit: 2762  
Serial No.: 09/100,595 Examiner: Unknown  
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For: PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF  
COMPUTER TASKS USING INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH MULTIPLE  
PROGRAM MODULES HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under the provisions of 37 C.F.R.  
§ 1.56, the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 are brought to the attention of the  
Examiner.

It is also brought to the attention of the Examiner the following co-pending U.S. Patent  
Applications, all filed in the name of Joseph Phillip Bigus et al.:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Title</u>
08/821,935	March 21, 1997	INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH NEGOTIATION CAPABILITY AND METHOD OF NEGOTIATION THEREWITH
08/822,119	March 21, 1997	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING BETWEEN AN INTELLIGENT AGENT AND CLIENT COMPUTER PROCESS USING DISGUISED MESSAGES
08,826,107	March 21, 1997	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING MULTIPLE INTELLIGENT AGENTS HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE

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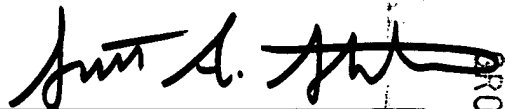
Each of the references was cited in the parent for the above-identified application, U.S. Serial No. 08/822,993, filed on March 21, 1997 by Joseph Phillip Bigus et al. and entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH MULTIPLE PROGRAM MODULES HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE". Accordingly, no copies of the references are provided.

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Consideration of the references and the remarks presented herein in the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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